

NAWMP Science Support Team

COMMITTEES

Committees shall serve to address duties and technical assignments sanctioned by the Executive Committee in conducting NSST business. Committees shall report to all voting NSST members and the Executive Committee on appropriate schedules as prescribed by the Executive Committee. Existing and proposed committees are listed below:

Existing Committees:

Executive Committee – This committee shall consist of the NAWMP Coordinator, the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the NSST between its business meetings, make recommendations to the NSST as necessary and shall perform such other duties as may be specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the NSST and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the NSST. Furthermore, the Executive Committee shall seek input from all voting NSST representatives prior to acting on behalf of the NSST when the topic is deemed important enough and time allows. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the NAWMP Coordinator or Chair as necessary.

Assessment Steering Committee & Joint Task Group Report Review Committee – This committee shall serve to review, interpret and prioritize the recommendations proposed by these committees and subsequently shall develop action items and task assignments to address objectives and strategies leading to their completion.

Waterfowl Population & Habitat Monitoring Committee – This committee serves in a liaison function with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Migratory Birds – Branch of Population and Habitat Assessment Surveys and is the primary conduit for the NSST in terms of disseminating information to the *Waterfowl Population Objectives Committee* and the *Continental Species and Regional Geographic Prioritization Committee*.

JV Implementation and Evaluation Plan Review Committee – This committee will focus on reviewing JV Implementation and Evaluation Plans from a perspective of their relationships to addressing continental waterfowl population and habitat objectives and related priorities. This committee will serve in an advisory role to JV planning teams.

Pintail Action Group - The Pintail Action Group is a cooperative group of public and private interests dedicated to the conservation of the Northern Pintail. Its membership includes Ducks Unlimited Canada and Mexico, Ducks Unlimited, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Canadian Wildlife Service, California Waterfowl Association, California Fish and Game, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and several universities. Endorsed by the Plan Committee, the group operates under and reports to the NSST. This group works toward identifying and addressing research needs and working with landowners to rehabilitate and preserve pintail habitat.

The Mission of the Pintail Action Group is:

“To plan, advocate and coordinate northern pintail management and research actions among the NAWMP Joint Ventures”.

The Objectives of the Pintail Action Group are to:

1. Identify unaddressed conservation actions, and the research, monitoring, and assessments required to evaluate performance of these programs.
2. Serve as a forum for the exchange of technical information about pintail biology, and conservation.
3. Synthesize new information, and facilitate directed retrospective analyses of existing data.
4. Develop and promote a science, and communication plan for pintail recovery.
5. Help increase funding for the needed work.
6. Report progress annually to NSST and the Plan Committee.
7. Aid the NSST in developing general approaches for planning, monitoring, and assessment of pintail management issues at multiple spatial scales.